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CITY NEWS.

Screen Doors at Dawson's 8th Ave.

Mr. Alfred Wilson left this week to visit his relatives in Mexico, Mo.

Little Master J. Nelson Thompson is about well again from the measles.

Screen wire at Dawson's Hardware, Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Nellie Esters of Albia is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Sim Jeffers.

Rev. James L. Wharton of Buxton is in our city attending the district conference and Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowles spent Wednesday in Enterprise, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Battles.

Mr. Joseph Stone was in Marshalltown and Buxton this week in the interest of his ball team.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobs treated themselves to a beautiful piano last week in their home.

Cherry seeders at Dawson's Hardware, Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Georgia Smith of St. Paul is in our city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blagburn, who has been sick.

After a week's visit with Mrs. Bowles' parents, Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles left today for their home in Fort Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Thursday Mr. and Mrs. James Bowles of Fort Madison.

Mrs. Randolph of Hiteman, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bell, left for her home on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner Monday in honor of Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles of Fort Madison and Mrs. Randolph of Hiteman.

The Corinthian Aid Society will hold their annual Fourth of July picnic at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Rodgers, 225 Arthur avenue. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Jane Robinson, who has been very sick and was out last Sunday, has taken a relapse this week and is very sick. Her friends are much alarmed.

Mrs. Joseph Stone delightfully entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Nellie Esters of Albia. Covers were laid for six at a very tastefully arranged table.

Rev. and Mrs. S. Bates entertained Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles of Fort Madison and Mrs. Randolph of Hiteman on Monday noon at a three-course dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moss entertained Rev. and Mrs. James Bowles of Fort Madison, Mrs. S. Davis of Clifton Hill, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis and Miss Mayrie I. Bell at a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday.

The Social Aid society met with Mrs. C. E. Trent on Thursday afternoon and after the usual form of business a delightful luncheon was served by the hostess, which was enjoyed by all. The club will meet with Mrs. W. F. Franklin, 822 West Eleventh street, next Friday afternoon.

Ice cream freezers at Dawson's Hardware, Sixth avenue.

Rev. N. R. Morgan of Clarinda, who is the A. M. E. minister there, attended the district conference and Sunday school convention here this week. He is an experienced man and good minister. He made a very pleasant call at our office.

All the superintendents of the Sunday schools in the city met to organize a superintendents' union and elected Mr. C. E. Woods, superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school, as temporary chairman and issued a call for all teachers to meet at the Corinthian Baptist church on July 3rd at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
The Social Aid society will give an entertainment at the home of Mrs. E. Essex, 1541 Buchanan street, Thursday evening, July 17th. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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Miss Julia Bailey has returned from a delightful visit in Kansas City. Miss Adah Hyde, who accompanied her, remained for a longer visit and will visit in Topeka, Kans., before returning home.

Miss Lizzie Cowens of Denver, Col., passed through our city Thursday en route from Gallatin, Mo., her former home, to Denver. She is a sister to Mrs. W. C. Straughter.

F. A. Johnson, a former Des Moines man, spent a few hours Tuesday in our city. He now lives in Chicago.

THE CONQUEST

The Conquest is the name of a new book just issued from the press. It is written by a Negro pioneer of Dakota, whose true name is not made known in the book, writing under a nom de plume name. We have briefly reviewed a copy in our office. The author was once a sleeping car porter, who possessed energy, ability and a desire to become more than just "George," but to become a cog in the great American wheel. He settled on a farm in Dakota and has become well off, although still a young man. The book is a true story, thrilling with interest and brilliant with thought that is useful in life. The different subjects discussed are Spirit of a Pioneer, Leaving Home, The Homestead, Where the Negro Falls, The Battle, The Sacrifice, The Uncrowned King. These, with many other subjects, make this book unique and indeed interesting. Price, \$1.50. The Woodruff Press, Lincoln, Neb. See advertisement elsewhere.

BISHOP LEE HERE.

Bishop Benjamin F. Lee, D. D., LL. D., of Wilberforce, Ohio, arrived in our city Thursday from Washington, Iowa, and will spend Sunday in our city, the guest of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, where he will preach both morning and evening on Sunday. It is the bishop's first visit here since he has been presiding over this episcopal district. He is a man of wide experience and matured ideas and of pleasing appearance.

IN LITERARY CONTESTS.

Who will represent Des Moines in the interstate contests at Atchison, Kansas, next December will be determined next Monday evening, when representatives of various local societies will meet in the annual city contests. For a number of weeks the survivors of a series of elimination contests have been preparing for the final, which will be held at St. Paul's A. M. E. church on Monday evening, June 30. The public is cordially invited.

Program.

Invocation.....Rev. Bruce U. Taylor
Instrumental Selection.....
Miss Effie Mason, Progressive Club
Declamation.....Miss Eldora Edmunds,
Young People's Progressive Lyceum
Poem.....D. G. Patterson,
Cosmopolitan Literary Society
Oration.....Miss Gertrude Hyde
Mary Church Terrell Club
Vocal Solo.....Miss Letta Cary
Declamation.....Miss Judith Cook,
Cosmopolitan Literary Society
Poem.....Miss Mamie James,
D. M. Negro Lyceum Association
Oration.....Miss Georgia Blackburn
Dramatic Art Club
Music.....Miss Marie Johnson, Y P P L
Declamation.....Gus Durden, D M N L A
Reading.....Original Poem.....
.....Mrs. H. W. Hughes, I. C. Club
Oration.....J. G. Dellinger, Cos. Lit So.
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Florence White
Declamation.....Mrs. N. C. Marshall,
Dramatic Art Club
Music.....Miss Sarah Johnson,
Cosmopolitan Literary Society
Poem.....Arthur Wright, Y P P L
Oration.....Rufus Jackson, D M N L A
Declamation.....Miss Edyth Comley-
Strawthers, M. C. T. Club
Poem.....Miss Nellie Lettage, D A Club
Violin Solo.....Miss Lalah Brooks,
Progressive Club
Decision of Judges.
Benediction.....Rev. S. Bates

DES MOINES NEGRO MASON'S HONOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Perhaps the most impressive St. John's Day celebration ever carried out by the Negro Masons of Des Moines was that held last Sunday by the members of Doric lodge, No. 30, and North Star lodge, No. 2, at the Maple Street Baptist church.

Nearly one hundred members of the two lodges, including fifteen past masters, one past grand master and the present grand master met at the hall of Doric lodge at 318 East Fifth street and marched in solemn procession to the church, where they were greeted by a vast audience of the families and friends of the members of the order.

Past Grand Master E. T. Banks acted as master of ceremonies and after music by the choir and invocation by Rev. S. Bates, pastor, he introduced Atty. J. B. Rush, worshipful master of North Star lodge, who in a very pleasing manner explained the object of the celebration, after which Mr. Chas. C. Johnson and wife rendered a beautiful duet.

The master of ceremonies then introduced Rev. J. H. Reynolds, past master of Doric lodge, who delivered the principal address, which abounded with wholesome advice as well as religious instruction to the members of the craft.

Atty. S. Joe Brown and Mr. D. G. Patterson of Doric lodge then lifted a collection of \$17.80, which was turned over to the church, after which the program was closed by remarks by Grand Master John L. Thompson, and the benediction by Rev. T. L. Griffith.

MRS. HARRISON GOULD GIVES MUSICAL.

Mrs. Harrison Gould of 955 Sixteenth street gave a musical Tuesday morning, June 24th, in honor of Miss Opal Wade of St. Paul, Minn. About twenty-five youngsters were delightfully entertained from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. Some splendid musical numbers were rendered. Miss Letta Cary, a teacher in Bishop college of Marshall, Texas, sang a solo, also Miss Lucille Morrison of this city, after which a dainty three-course luncheon was served. Mrs. Gould was assisted by Mrs. Julia Hudlin, Mrs. L. Shelton, Mrs. Bert Williams, Miss Susie Lee and Mrs. Georgia Smith of St. Paul. The youngsters all report a delightful time and Miss Wade says that the people of Des Moines are great entertainers.

A SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The seventh annual district conference of the Des Moines district, held in Des Moines, June 24th and 25th, opened up Tuesday morning at 10:30 a. m. with the Rev. S. B. Moore, P. E., in the chair, and the following pastors and delegates present: Rev. B. U. Taylor, Des Moines; J. L. Wharton, Buxton; J. H. Garrison, Council Bluffs; A. L. Johnson, Sioux City; I. H. Kenny, Marshalltown; N. B. Jones, South Dakota; W. A. Stark, Newton; R. N. Morgan, Clarinda, and Lay Delegates S. Bibbs of Ottumwa and H. Gould of Des Moines.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. H. Garrison, and after the formation and organization of the conference the annual sermon was preached by Rev. N. B. Jones of Yankton, S. D. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was consecrated by P. E. S. B. Moore, assisted by J. H. Garrison of Council Bluffs and J. L. Wharton of Buxton.

Afternoon Session.
At 2 p. m. the devotional exercises were led by Geo. I. Holt, followed by program as laid down, and some among the important papers as read by visiting delegates was the "Ministry of Invisible Salary," by E. B. Mantley of Albia, Iowa; "The Minister in Politics and Social Movement," by Rev. I. N. Gordon of Ottumwa, and "The Present Demand of Proper Music in Our Churches," by H. Gould, delegate from St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Des Moines.

Evening Session.
Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Sarah Wright of Marshalltown. Sermon by I. H. Kenney. Offering. Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning Session.
Devotional exercises by M. A. Waldon of Carney. Minutes of first day's session read and adopted. Report of committees. Papers by Rev. J. L. Wharton, R. Knight and H. M. Rivers all read and commented on. Noon adjournment.

Afternoon Session.
Devotional exercises by Mrs. Sarah Wright. Paper, "The Best Method to Keep the Church Alive, Spiritually," by delegates from Ottumwa. Then came the election of two lay delegates to the annual conference, which resulted in the election of W. H. Cook of Buxton and H. Gould of Des Moines. Adjournment.

Evening Session.
Devotional exercises led by Rev. Coleman. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Garrison of Council Bluffs. Invitation for joining church extended. Offering. Report of financial committee. District conference closed by singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

On Thursday morning the Sunday school are beginning their annual two-day session.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

By John L. Thompson.
Landing in Council Bluffs, just across the river from Omaha, I shall speak briefly of the citizens here before taking up the Omaha disaster. This little city upon the "big muddy" is a thriving city and seems to be up-to-date with many of its buildings and other commercial interests. We have here about 500 colored people, with two churches. The A. M. E., which is presided over by Rev. J. H. Garrison, is a neat little new building just completed. The pastor is succeeding nicely. The Baptist church is doing well, but they are at present without a pastor. Mr. Chas. Burke owns a first class restaurant and rooming house at 1025 West Broadway. He is a good cook and has a good trade. Chas. F. Davis, who has been sick for several months, is the city pound master. Charles is retaining his health. He owns a nice little house and lot and a valuable truck garden in the outskirts of the city. Mrs. M. Stewart is still running her hairdressing parlor at 505 First street. Mrs. Tillie A. Reese is still running her rooming house and doing nicely. Mr. F. C. Walker is still working with the railroad company and

owns a cozy little home at 2114 Eighth avenue. Mrs. Walker is our efficient agent here and she is doing nicely with the items from Council Bluffs. Mr. McRaven and Mr. Stewart are working at the Elks club. Mr. Rose, Mr. T. S. Britt and Mr. P. F. Means are working at the Grand hotel and are doing well. Mr. Herrington has moved into the city from the country and is doing nicely.

Crossing the river into Omaha, to a visitor and stranger the first thing that would strike your observation is the wreckage of the tornado which struck that city on the 23rd day of March, 1913. This was Easter Sunday and the storm came about 6:30 in the evening. It will be an evening long to be remembered by the citizens of Omaha. Pen or tongue cannot give you a complete idea of this disastrous tornado, which ripped and smashed its way through the city, leaving a track from four to six blocks wide, sweeping from southwest to northeast through some of the wealthiest residence districts of the city and the heart of the colored residences. I can only sum up this terrible catastrophe by stating that it caused 140 deaths, 300 injured, with property loss of over \$5,000,000. In all about 1,500 homes were damaged or destroyed, with 2,500 people rendered homeless. I cannot describe to you the terrible suffering, sorrow and destruction. The storm lasted but a few minutes, but in that time it worked almost unbelievable ruin.

Miss Henrietta Hawkins was called home last week to Mason City, Iowa, 100 of our people. The savings of a life time were swept away in the twinkling of an eye and families and relatives were torn apart, some dead, some injured and dying and others without clothes to put on and who were running helplessly about trying to find their lost relatives. People who were in comfortable circumstances were left homeless and penniless. Barns, horses, cows, hogs and poultry were rolled and tossed in every direction. Mansions upon the hill as well as hovels in the bottoms were struck alike and scattered to all parts of the city. After the storm the overturned stoves, gas and electric lights set fire to the debris and people could not put the fire out because of so many live wires, and the fire department could not reach the scene. Screams of the injured and dying and excited women and children all added horror to the history of Omaha that night.

In the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets at least sixty persons were killed. In the Idlewild hill near Twenty-fourth and Lake streets several colored people were crushed to death. The most of the colored homes that were damaged or destroyed that I could secure the names of were Zion's Baptist church, the largest colored church in the city, pastored by Rev. Botts; the home of T. H. Mahammet, editor of the Enterprise, Lawyer Pinkett, Dr. A. J. Edwards, formerly of this city, Sergeant Saunders, retired from regular service, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Mr. Obes's undertaking parlors, Mr. John Hardy, who formerly lived here, Mr. C. Cochran, Rgv. D. Phelps and a score of others whose names I could not recall. Even now when any little cloud appears and threatens a storm people begin to flee for shelter, as they are still frightened. Most of them thought that judgment day had come. Some have left the city, never to return again, and still others whose homes were destroyed have become reconciled and have begun rebuilding. When the homes are rebuilt they will be much nicer and more modern and this section of the city will be very beautiful. Doubtless it will be very hard for some, but the relief committee is helping many of them to rebuild their homes. Rev. Father J. E. Williams, the Episcopal minister, is the only colored man upon the relief committee and he is looking after the colored people nicely. Mr. Mahammet, Lawyer Pinkett and Mr. Anderson have their homes about completed and ready to move in. They are indeed very beautiful and modern, a credit to any race and to any city and are built on the latest styles and designs. Mr. W. H. (Washington) is still working at the same place. His little boy is clerk in the People's drug store. Rev. W. F. Botts is a very busy pastor of the Zion's Baptist church, as they are building a very beautiful and modern church, with all the necessary equipments that any church needs. It will cost perhaps about \$40,000 when completed. We will probably run a cut shortly of this church in the paper. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. LaCour, formerly of this city, are doing nicely. Their daughter, Miss Margrete, is taking a post graduate course here, as she had finished her high school last year. She is a refined young lady and we in Des Moines claim her as our girl yet. Mr. C. C. Trent is still working on the fire department. This is one of the few cities in the west that has an exclusive fire department operated by colored men, eight in number, of which I here below publish a list of them: Hose Co. No. 11, Omaha, Neb., Woodson Porter, Jas. Greer, C. C. Trent, E. Turner, F. Stewart, W. H. Jackson, A. Jackson and H. B. Lewis. Mr. D. G. Russell has a nice place at 1922 Cummings street. He runs a second hand store, barber shop and pool hall. He also has a rooming house. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, formerly of Buxton, are doing well. Mr. Jackson is on the fire department. John James is another Des Moines

boy who is working in the postoffice. Mr. G. W. Levert is still running his boarding house at 1322 Howard street. Mrs. B. F. Green, formerly of Ottumwa, is doing nicely with her boarding house. Mr. J. W. Obes, 2518 Lake street, the undertaker, has built a splendid undertaking parlor adjacent to his house and is doing a nice business. He is a fine man and has a thorough race man. The A. M. E. church is pastored by Rev. W. T. Osborne, who was sent here from Seattle this conference year. While he is a new man in Omaha, yet he is making many friends. C. M. Simmons is still in the tailoring business and has a nice trade. Mr. H. K. Hillon is still at 2902 Maple street pushing his patent. Most of his factory is located on his lot. G. W. Woods, formerly of this city, a brother of James Woods, who is well known here, is still working at the same place. He has a nice family and is doing well. Hon. H. M. Singleton has just returned from Washington, D. C. It will be remembered that Mr. Singleton was a candidate for the legislature at one time. He says that the democrats are going to replace all the important places now held by negroes and that democratic sentiments in Washington, D.

C. are favorable to curbing the negro still more. The People's Drug Store has moved just across the street, with Mrs. Dora Rice as head clerk. She was formerly an Iowa girl from Mt. Pleasant. They are doing quite well. Mr. Pegram is still city marketmaster. He is one of the strong men of our race here. Rev. Toomey, who has left Davenport, is located in Omaha and has charge of the Baptist church here. Our next stop is in Sioux City and we will rest the case here until next week.

Lawn hose at Dawson's Hardware, Sixth avenue.

A CORRECTION.

To the Public: We, the undersigned, wish to make a statement to our friends and the public at large, to wit: That during our seven years' residence in Des Moines we have allowed ourselves to be known as Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Fletcher Harris, but legally speaking this is incorrect, as it should be Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fletcher. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Fletcher, 766 W. 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Paints of all kinds at Dawson's Hardware, Sixth avenue.

State Capitol Bldg. Historical Room

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SIoux CITY, IOWA.

(Special to Bystander.)

The A. I. P. club met Friday evening, June 20, 1913, at the residence of Mrs. Collins, 223 West Seventh street. Friday evening was business meeting and election of officers for the year. President, Mrs. Carrie Gordon; vice president, Mrs. L. M. Coats; treasurer, Mrs. Sara Miller; chaplain Mrs. Anna Roberts; secretary, Mrs. Louise Collins; recording secretary, Mrs. Lula Webb. After the election of officers a nice one-course luncheon was served and a very pleasant evening was spent. After a late hour all returned to their homes reporting a good time.

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OUR CITY CHURCH SERVICES.

Corinthian Baptist church, corner of Fifteenth and Linden streets. Rev. T. L. Griffith, pastor. Morning services at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m.

Union Congregational church, corner of Tenth and Park streets. Rev. T. M. Brumfield, pastor. Morning services at 10:45.

"The Consistency of Christian Character." Sunday school at 12 o'clock noon. Evening service at 8 o'clock. "Jesus Christ as Mediator."

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, 777 West Eleventh street. Rev. W. L. Lee, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Epworth League at 7 o'clock p. m. Preaching services at 8 o'clock p. m.

St. Paul's A. M. E. church, corner of Second and Center streets. Rev. B. U. Taylor, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Class meeting immediately after services.

Sunday school at 3 o'clock p. m. Allen C. E. at 6:30 o'clock p. m. Evening services at 8 o'clock p. m.

Maple Street Baptist church, between Eighth and Ninth street on Maple street. Rev. S. Bates, pastor. Morning services at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 1 o'clock p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock p. m.

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We have no choice in the matter and the lease on our present quarters will expire in just five days, and our new store in the new Hubbell building at the corner of Ninth and Walnut streets is far from being completed. Unforeseen building difficulties which have faced the contractors for the past few months have greatly retarded the progress on the new structure, which will prevent our taking possession at the expiration of our present lease, at which time we have been notified by our landlord to vacate.

Every instrument in our stock must be closed out quickly and the piano buyers will reap the benefit of the radical price reductions.

Now to make doubly sure that every piano will be taken by the last day of this month, we have gone over the stock carefully and have cut the prices down to the last notch on each and every instrument.

There is absolutely no obligation on your part by calling in and inspecting the offers and if you have even a remote intention of some day acquiring a piano, you should not delay your visit. Smith Music House, 611 Locust street.

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TO PAY OLD LOAN

Japan to Settle 270-Year-Old Claim.

Peculiar Will of a Self-Exiled Rich and Powerful Chinese Made It Impossible to Liquidate the Debt at Earlier Date.

The Japanese government proposes to repay the poor descendant of a rich Chinaman a loan which has been standing unpaid for 270 years. Peculiar circumstances concerning it placed the Japanese government in such a position that it could not pay it earlier. The story of the loan is like a legend, and almost unbelievable, but there are documents which make it historically authentic.

During the days of the last Ming emperor of China there lived an educated, wealthy and powerful man, Chu Shung-pai. The Manchus, coming down from the northern hills, conquered the Ming dynasty and killed Ta'ung-cheng, the last Ming emperor. That was 270 years ago.

The fall of the Ming dynasty and the succession of the Manchu conquerors was a bitter blow to Chu Shung-pai, who was a loyal adherent of the overthrown dynasty, and despairing of re-establishing it he fled to Japan.

The self-exiled Chu was learned in the classics and was wise in the analects of Confucius. He carried with him his Confucian wisdom to Japan, and there he preached to the people from the knowledge of the Shu King, or Book of Historical Documents; from the Li Ki, or Book of Ancient Rites, and from the Shih King, or Book of Ancient Poems. His wisdom brought him a large number of followers and students. And he was comfortably established in Japan among the people, who respected him for his wonderful knowledge of the Confucian classics.

Chu was wealthy and there came a time when he could be of service to the Japanese government in one of the provinces through a loan of money. Three thousand taels of gold were turned over by him for the use of the Japanese government. One tael of gold at that time was equal approximately to one ounce and a quarter. Today this would mean a sum of about \$75,000, but of course at that time the value of gold was more than it is today.

Chu, the exile, died in Japan, and he left a will which is still in existence in Japan. In this will he requested that until the Chinese regained the power and crushed the Manchu dynasty the debt should not be repaid to his descendants in China. And he also devised that he should be buried in Japan and that his bones should not be sent back to China until the sons of Hans regained the power in China.

The Japanese government recorded the details of the ancient loan and the will of the dead exile. And upon the fall of the Manchu dynasty and the establishment of the Chinese republic, a number of the Japanese scholars and university students were sent to discover the heirs of Chu. The investigation, which, although it seemed impossible at the beginning, disclosed that Chu Shung-pai Hankow is the direct descendant of the self-exiled Chu Shung-pai.

When the identity of the present Chu Shung-pai was thoroughly established copies of the records were presented to him, together with the old swords, garments and historical documents left by his ancestor. And some time in June Chu will visit Japan to present his case and claim the money left to him by his ancestor.

It is said that no difficulty will be experienced in getting an appropriation to repay the ancient debt, but there is doubt as to whether the spirit of the second provision of the will can be carried out. Even should it be determined that Chu's bones could be returned now with propriety to his native land, the difficulty would then arise of finding where his bones now lie. There is no record of the place where Chu's body was buried, and scholars in Japan commissioned to find his burial place have thus far failed.

Chu, the heir, is a poor man, and the equivalent of the 3,000 taels of gold will make him rich. It is not known as yet whether the government proposes to pay interest on the debt. Some say that the provisions of the will will relieve the government from the obligation of paying interest. The computation of compound interest upon \$75,000 for 270 years would be a gigantic task. If not compounded the interest at 2 per cent. would be \$607,500.

How Happy He Was.

A man of advanced years, broken in health, was taking "the cure" in Excelsior Springs. In addition to his ill health he was lonesome, homesick and utterly wretched, and took long walks aimlessly as a means of killing time. One afternoon he encountered a party of a dozen or fifteen pretty girls on a rustic bridge. One of their number had a camera and was engaged in posing the others for a group picture.

"Wait a moment until this gentleman passes," said one of the girls. "No, no; I want to be in the picture, too," suggested the invalid, relying on his white hair to save the situation for him. "I want to send one of the photographs home to show what a jolly time I am having."

Tight.

"My little daughter is just beginning to creep."
"So is mine."
"Why, your daughter must be sixteen years old!"
"She is, but she has just got a new bobble."

A Futurist.

"When is the man coming to white wash the fence?"
"Tomorrow."
"Always tomorrow. As an artist, he is a futurist of the worst type."

SINGING INTO HORN

Greater Ordeal Than Warbling to Crowded Theater.

Making of Phonograph Records Considered No Easy Task—Even "Stars" Often Have to Repeat Performance.

The latest penalty that fame exacts from theatrical and music hall stars is that of singing to talking machines. For gramophone agents descend on the star who comes out with a new song success or talking act that takes the public fancy.

Most artists will tell you—and hardened ones, too—that singing to a reproducing machine is to them a far greater ordeal than performing to a crowded theater. It is the strange conditions under which these voice reproductions are carried out that so often unnerve the most experienced performers.

The setting—the bare barnlike hall—in itself scarcely inspires confidence. One end is screened from the gaze of the occupants by a long curtain through which a monstrous horn of brass extends into the room, being suspended from the ceiling. Grouped around are a motley assembly of musicians with instruments of weird design. Somehow these instruments seem familiar, yet no one ever saw their like in a theater or orchestra. They are especially constructed to produce soft sound waves that do not drown the singer's voice.

The violins no longer possess the familiar curves and sturdy frames. They are hollow tubelike affairs with strangely arranged strings. The cellos are in a similar emaciated condition, their ample sides having apparently dwindled into slight wooden supports. Every instrument, however, boasts a little aluminum horn, directed toward the parent trumpet, in order to concentrate the sound waves at one common point. Perched on a high platform near the roof is the conductor, whose lofty position is chosen to take him out of the way of all important sound waves.

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A red light is flashed and the attenuated little orchestra gets to work. The performer stands on a little wooden platform right at the mouth of the receiving trumpet. A few hurried directions and then strict silence is the rule. No human voice or sound but that of the singer must now disturb the atmosphere, for the little machine behind the curtain relentlessly records every little sound wave.

And then the artist has to sing to this strange little assembly with abandon and zest as though the inspiration of the brilliant light, of beautiful clothes and scenery and applauding audience were all there.

It is a great ordeal, for one has to sing with far greater care in front of a talking machine than is required when audiences of flesh and blood are to be pleased. With fiendish cruelty, the revolving was recording disc gathers in every little fault. A slight clearing of the throat or little swallow, every deep breath or slight shuffle of the feet is sufficient to form sound waves that imprint their message on the yielding wax. Such things an audience would not notice, but the obedient record-maker makes no distinction between the actual and the intended.

When the artist has finished the record is played over and the inevitable imperfections criticised. The weak spots are then rehearsed and the whole trying business commenced over again. If the performer makes a mistake in the course of the song, he must start a record of pure and distinct tone is obtained does the artist's ordeal end.

Poetry That Pays.

Alfred Noyes, the English poet, who, along among the entire poet tribe, makes a living out of poetry, said at a dinner in New York:

"I wish it to be distinctly understood that my poems are not putting me in the Carnegie or Rockefeller class."
"While my poems afford me a competence, I am still hit hard by the story of Mrs. Bianco."

"Who is that young man who is paying you such marked attention?" Mrs. Bianco, a society leader, asked her daughter.

"He's a poet, mother," the young girl replied.

"Gracious," cried the mother. "And can you, a millionaire's daughter, seriously contemplate throwing yourself away on a starving poet?"

"Oh," said the young girl, "you don't understand. He isn't an ordinary poet. He writes poetical advertisements."

"My darling," said the mother, "call him up at once. I'll ask him to our week-end house party."—Detroit Free Press.

Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident occurred at Swindon (Wilt) on a recent evening. A heavy traction engine, drawing three trucks laden with tents and other goods, bound from Cheltenham to Bulford Camp, Salisbury Plain, had reached Swindon, when in ascending the hill the engine became overpowered by the load, and ran backwards down the hill. The axle of one of the vans broke, and this overturned the huge van, completely blocking the roadway. A horse and trap, which was following behind the van, was run into, and the trap was completely smashed. The occupants narrowly escaped serious injury.

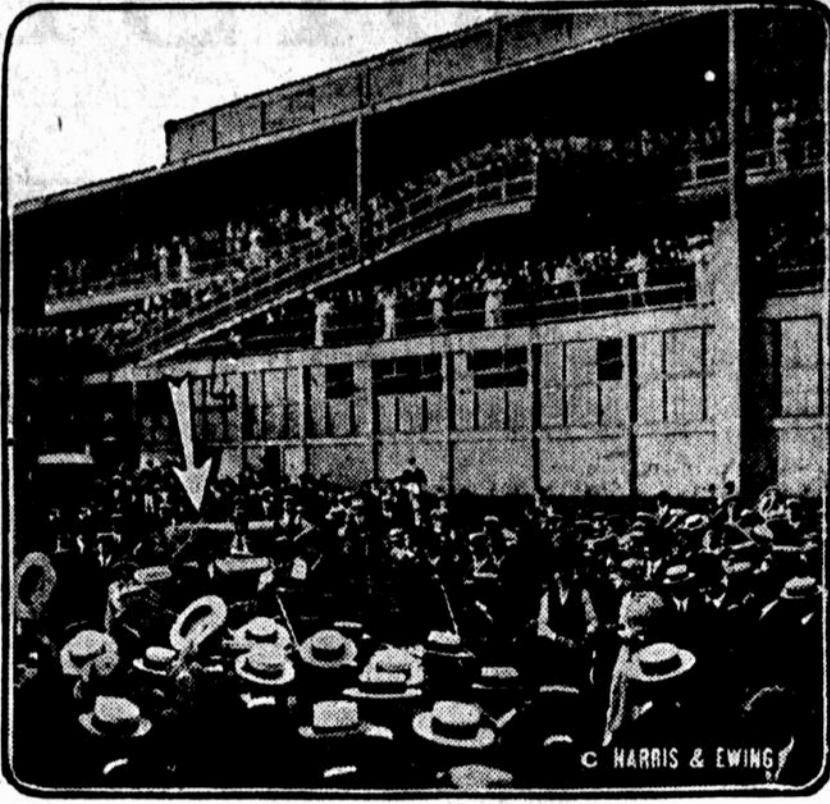
Can You Beat It?

Victim—Ouch! Say, you advertise that you draw teeth without pain. Don't you?
Dentist—Exactly! If you'd asked me to draw your tooth, I'd have done so painlessly on paper—what you asked me was to pull it.

Another Process.

"Little Tommy won't wash his face and hands. What shall I do?"
"You might have him dry cleaned by one of these vacuum wagons," suggested the head of the house.

POPULAR WITH WASHINGTON BALL FANS



President Wilson and his party leaving the baseball park of the Washington American League Baseball club. This opportunity of seeing the new president is rapidly becoming a feature of baseball in Washington and the fans hurry out to the exit after the game to catch a glimpse of him. He attends the game almost every day and is a dyed-in-the-wool fan. He is an enthusiastic rooter, and gets almost as much attention as the game.

BASEBALL

Chief Meyers of the Giants has recovered from his batting slump.

Braden Direct, 2:02% pacer, is expected to be the sensation of the circuit.

The acquisition of Zelder and Borbon by the Highlanders has made the Giants climb.

Ray Keating of the Highlanders promises to be one of the pitching stars of the year.

Outfielder Wheat of the Dodgers is doing great work with the club for Manager Bill Dahlen's team.

The Detroit Tigers have signed "Hoops" Kelly, now a student at St. Anselm college, Manchester, N. H.

Heinie Zimmerman, the great hitter of the Cubs, attributes his success as a batsman to playing golf.

Graney, who is playing in the outfield for Cleveland, used to be a pitcher. He is playing fine baseball this year.

Manager Tom Flood of the Winnipeg team of the Northern League has signed Pitchers Elmer Steele and Jake Thielen.

Ollie Chapman, last year a star outfielder in the Blue Grass league, is playing with the Covington Federal league club.

Manager Joe Kelley's Toronto team, International league champions, has had pretty tough picking since the season opened.

Manager Connie Mack is happy again because Chief Bender, his star hurler, has rounded into form. Bender is pitching splendid ball.

If Clyde Milan of the Senators keeps up his present pace on the bases, he is very apt to exceed his record of last season, when he stole 83 bases.

"Every addition to the Boston club is one of speed," says Manager Stallinger. "We are not taking on any man slower than those we have."

President Dave Fultz of the players' Protective association believes he is going to get representation for the players on the national commission before long.

Louis Thomas, pitching for New Haven, in the Eastern association, has been doing a little of the Walter Johnson stuff himself. His first three games were shut-outs.

Long Larry McLean must have at last discovered that water has other uses besides being good to wash in. He is showing up well behind the bat week-end house party."—Detroit Free Press.

Manager McGraw says that anyone doubting that Jim Thorpe is a professional ball player can roll around on pay day and watch the Indian grab his check with the rest of them.

Ira Thomas, the tall catcher of the Athletics, has changed his batting form and is hitting much better. He now crouches while at the plate instead of standing erect as in former years.

Bobby Wallace, the veteran of the St. Louis Browns, who has been in harness for nearly twenty seasons, says that he has never seen Walter Johnson's equal. Wallace can't see how Johnson ever loses a game.

President Murphy of Chicago insists that he got the long end of the now-famous Tinker deal. He points with pride and satisfaction to Mike Mitchell, Art Phelan, Red Corridan and Humphries, all former Reds who have made good in Cub uniforms.

Keating, New York's rising young pitcher, is only twenty years old; is five feet nine inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. He has enormous breadth through the shoulders and wonderfully strong hands, also long fingers, which help him to control.

When the Reds are on the road they are not journeyman Tinkers.

Ray Schalk is throwing them out one and all as they try to steal second on him.

The Great Falls club of the Union association has signed Pitcher "Flame" Delhi, late of the Pacific Coast league.

Viex, the young Pirate, has a ferocious style at bat, brandishing his club at the pitcher and threatening destruction.

Viex, the young infielder on the Pirate team, is a fast man and has done so well that he will likely be a fixture at second.

Pitcher George Kahler of the Naps has rounded into form. Manager Birmingham now declares that he has the best pitching staff in the league.

Manager Griffith's pitching staff seems to be considerably improved. Groom is back in tip-top form and Mullin will help them out a little.

In Lee Magee Manager Miller Huggins of the Cardinals has a player of the highest rank. His batting and fielding have been of the star order this season.

Danny Murphy of the Athletics says the Washingtons are the only team that stands a show of beating out Connie Mack's crowd for the flag in the American league.

Charley Hickman, formerly Washington player, who is coaching the University of West Virginia team, says Griffith is a wonder and is pulling for him to win the pennant.

Manager George Stallings of the Boston Braves is so greatly impressed with the wonderful speed of Wilson Collins, the college pitcher, that he is determined to make an outfielder of him instead of a pitcher.

The Cincinnati team now has an "advisory board" in every game. Tinker, Kling and Brown compose the board, and their councils are marked by much discussion as to the best way to bring the team up to date.

SPORTING WORLD

Minneapolis Curling club plans to build a \$50,000 club and skating rink.

All the big university varsity eight-oared shell crews will use new boats in their races.

Hugh McIntosh has quit the Australian fight game. Australia will now proceed to crawl off the map.

The Dominion Lacrosse association of Canada, limited, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000.

Walter Cox has dropped his stake horses down below 2:20 and reports are to the effect that they are in fine trim.

The Broncho, 2:00%, is to be bred to Empire Direct, Charley Dean's candidate for the Chamber of Commerce stake.

Yale university's football squad, which turned out for spring practice, numbered 75 candidates, the largest in five years.

Australasia held the Davis cup from 1907 to 1912, when England won this trophy emblematic of the world's tennis championship.

Tom Keane, trainer of the athlete teams at Syracuse university, has been appointed general superintendent of the Syracuse playgrounds.

George Hodgson, the champion middle-distance swimmer of the world, of McGill university, Montreal, will try for more honors this season.

Walter S. Kennedy, former star athlete at the University of Chicago, has resigned as coach of Albion college, after eight years of successful work.

Some sport writers are already beginning to figure the Pirates out of the National league race. They stood but little better in the race last spring, yet finished a close second.

FISH FOOD SUPPLY

Fisheries Bureau Has New Commissioner.

His Appointment Was in Nature of a Promotion, as He Had Served Several Years in Subordinate Positions in Department.

Washington.—That the United States bureau of fisheries, even with the many limitations imposed by law on its activities, nevertheless is in a position to contribute materially to the increase of the nation's food supply and to give valuable assistance in the solution of the cost-of-living problem is the opinion of Dr. Hugh M. Smith, the new commissioner, who in recent days has been confirmed for the important office given him by President Wilson.

Dr. Smith's appointment was in the nature of a promotion, and during the years in which he has served in subordinate positions in the bureau of which he is now the head he has become an authority on the work which the government is doing to increase the fish food supply of the United States.

"In the conservation of fish food resources, our activities are both direct and indirect," said Commissioner Smith in explaining the interest of his bureau in the cost-of-living problem. "By its very extensive fish cultural operations in all parts of the country the bureau each year is bringing into existence and starting on their career hundreds of millions of food fishes that, without the government's work, would never have gotten beyond the egg stage. Overwhelming evidence is available to show the value of this work in maintaining the fish supply of streams and lakes, in restoring depleted waters, in stocking artificial ponds

and in establishing fishes in new waters. There is scarcely a community in the entire country that has not profited by these operations of our government.

"These direct efforts have been supplemented by most valuable service in saving the lives of fishes that are stranded every year when the Mississippi river and its tributaries go on the rampage. When the waters subside the cry of 'Rescue the perishing!' goes up in behalf of millions of the best food fishes of the interior waters, and the cry it responded to by the agents of the fisheries service, who seine out the temporary ponds and pools left in open places by the receding floods and restore the fishes to the main streams.

"One important point in increasing the fish food supply is the encouragement of the utilization of many kinds of good fish which are now neglected. Our fastidious tastes and the abundance of our water products have caused us to discard many excellent resources which other nations have utilized for many centuries. A recent inquiry by me has shown that each year over 10,000,000 pounds of a single fish now caught in our east coast fisheries are thrown away, not a single pound being sold or consumed. Yet this is one of the best flavored fishes in our waters, and last fall I saw it being sold in Hamburg at several times the price commanded by mackerel. Dozens of other fishes which Europeans eat are regarded by us as beneath notice. I may mention in this connection the very abundant and widely distributed sea mussels, which are extensively eaten in all the coastwise countries of Europe, while we for years have entirely ignored these wholesome shellfish and have only recently begun to recognize their value.

"Our people were once even more wasteful of food fishes than they are today. I remember to have seen as a boy the shores of the Potomac river below Mount Vernon piled with the remains of sturgeon, whose meat is now rehauled, but which the fisherman at that time threw away. Some of the fishes weighed as much as 250 pounds, and one of that size caught today, now that the sturgeon is almost extinct in our coastal rivers, would give a fisherman a fair income for almost an entire season. The time will come when we shall be using and es-

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TASTY SCRAP DISHES

MASH BETTER THAN ROAST WHEN PREPARED PROPERLY.

May Irwin, the Actress, Tells How to Cook Meats and the Victuals That Have Been Left Over From Meals.

That the fastidious should look with distrust, if not disgust, upon the hotel or restaurant made hash or ragout, or stew, or minced dish, is quite within my understanding and sympathy. But it is quite different in the well-regulated home.

My husband and sons, writes May Irwin, who are rather spoiled as far as the things of the table are concerned, enjoy best steaks and roast beef hash better than the original roast. Fricassee chicken, when properly prepared, is much better than roast chicken. Spaghetti, when warmed over, is twenty times better than when first cooked. How seldom we eat a really well cooked dish of spaghetti! This is because it is not thoroughly cooked.

Suppose it is Tuesday—ironing day. If there is in your pantry or ice box the skeleton of last night's roast chicken you are fortunate. Pluck the shreds of the meat here and there sticking to the bones you can make an excellent fricassee, or that dish which is a favorite in my household.

Since the bits of cold chicken together. Chop a small green pepper, a small onion, four mushrooms, a bit of parsley and one cold potato together until very fine. Have a frying pan ready with tablespoonful of hot butter and put the mixture in and stir it well.

Cover it for a few moments and let it brown on one side, as hashed brown potatoes are done. Put on a hot platter and garnish with tomato sauce. This sauce is made by cooking two or three tomatoes for half an hour; strain and add a tablespoonful of butter, salt, pepper and flour enough to thicken a little.

Perhaps you are inclined to toss away three or four tomatoes that are soft, but still good. Their ripeness is no drawback for the favorite breakfast dish of mine, for which I give you the recipe.

Cut a slice from the top of each tomato. Remove enough of the pulp to enable you to drop into each tomato a bit of butter, the size of your thumb-nail and a raw egg. Pluck with a toothpick a strip of raw bacon around each tomato. Sprinkle a little salt and pepper over the top and put into a very hot oven until the eggs are set. This will be in from five to eight minutes.

Best Sauce for Pans. When we used the old form of coal fuel extensively, we also used the old form of deep iron kettle which set down in the embers. Our modern fuels of gas, electricity and alcohol are distributed by a broad, flat burner, and the radiating surface is broad, not deep. Therefore the old high style of pot or stove is very inefficient on our newettes or heating surfaces. Nothing could be worse than to use a tall coffee pot on a gas range, if we wish to save gas. The best shape for the new fuels is the familiar egg poacher. For boiling and steaming the pans should be broad and shallow.

Spiced Plums. Weigh five pounds plum with a piece of cheesecloth—wring out of cold water and prick each five or six times with a large needle. Put two and a half pounds brown sugar in a sauce pan and pour over it one quart vinegar. Then add two ounces cloves, one ounce stick cinnamon (broken into pieces), one ounce allspice (broken into pieces) and one ounce nutmeg in a piece of muslin. Let this mixture boil 10 minutes. Pour it over plums, cover and let stand overnight. In the morning, drain plums from syrup, again boil syrup 10 minutes, pour over plums, cover and let stand overnight. Drain and repeat this process a third time.

Rice and Tomato Combination. One of the ways of cooking rice and tomatoes together is to boil the rice in one vessel, cook the stewed tomatoes in another, seasoning them to taste with salt, sugar, pepper and onion juice, and then to turn the rice, from which the water has been carefully drained, into a deep vegetable dish, pour over it the tomatoes, lifting the rice with a fork, that the sauce may penetrate the rice; set the dish in the oven for five minutes, and send it to table smoking hot.

Grated Pineapples. Pare the fruit clean, then grate it on a coarse grater, rejecting the core. Weigh it and put to each pound of fruit a pound of sugar. Let it stand overnight. In the morning put it over the fire and when it comes to a boil let it boil rapidly for one minute and put into jars and seal hot. Pineapple prepared in this way is delicious.

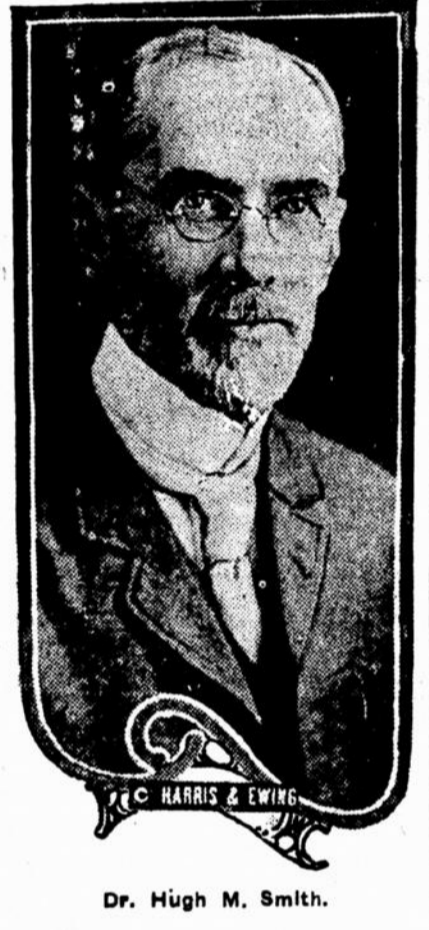
Codfish Supreme. Soak shredded codfish over night. In the morning add it to a thin cream sauce. Now prepare slices of toast—cut them three inches. Place on each half a hard-boiled egg—cut in two lengthwise—pour a liberal amount of the creamed codfish over this. Garnish with a radish rose and serve.

When Blueing Clothes. If a lump of soda dissolved in a little hot water is added to the blue water on washday it prevents the blue from settling in the clothes and makes them perfectly white. This is also useful when the water is hard.

To Remove Match Marks. When paints have become scratched with matches rub them first with a slice of lemon and then wash with soap and water. This removes all traces of the match scratches.

Damp Cloth. Put a damp cloth or damp napkin over sandwiches or bread if necessary to wait before serving.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith.



Accidents in Quarries, Coal Mines and Metal Mines of the United States during 1911 resulted in loss of life to 3,602 men, out of the 1,005,281 men employed.

The bureau of mines, which since its establishment has endeavored to promote safety and efficiency in the mines and quarries of the country, has just issued its first summary of quarry accidents. It shows 188 men were killed during 1911 out of 110,954 men employed, making the death rate 1.69 per 1,000. In coal mines 728,348 men were employed, of whom 2,179 were killed, making the death rate 3.73; in metal mines, 165,979 men employed, 695 killed, making the death rate 4.19.

Approximately one-half of the deaths in and about the quarries were due to three causes in the order named: Explosives, falls or slides of quarry material and falls or slides of overburden.

